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Preliminary Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Denali Commission Health Facilities Projects – Fiscal Year 2004

This Preliminary NOFA announces the anticipated availability by April 1, 2004 of approximately \$40 to \$50 Million in FY04 funding for health facilities projects (to be awarded immediately thereafter). The Commission in FY04 is expanding its Health Facility program beyond primary care facility improvements. For FY04 the Commission will place an emphasis on funding construction ready health facility projects.

FY04 Health Facility Funding Categories

Based upon recommendations from the Commission's Health Steering Committee, the "Coming Home" Steering Committee (Assisted Living) and the Commission's Behavioral Health Subcommittee the following five Funding Categories have been identified for prioritized FY04 funding:

1. **Primary Care Clinics:** "Large", "Small", and "Repair and Renovation" programs
2. **Frontier Extended Stay Clinics/Community Health Centers (330 clinics)/Sub-regional clinics** (*The Commission understands that the FESC authorizing legislation is pending*)
3. **Rural Hospitals – Primary Care Facility Improvements**
4. **Assisted Care Living Facilities**
 - a. Assisted Care Living Facilities as licensed by the State of Alaska
 - b. Village-based housing improvements to complement the existing programs currently managed by US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and US Department of Agriculture (among others). (Note: The Commission is exploring its possible role with these types of improvements with the agencies noted. Until that role and identification of future Commission resources is identified, the Commission will accept Letters of Interest from interested organizations.)
5. **Behavioral Health Facilities**
 - a. Crisis Services
 - b. Single Point of Entry
 - c. Detox
 - d. Residential Psychiatric Treatment for Adolescents
 - e. Transitional Housing

The Commission may consider health facility Funding Categories other than those prioritized above based upon availability of funding. Please contact Commission Health Facilities staff for further information and guidance if your organization has interest in health facility development in areas that are not prioritized for FY04 funding.

Application Process

1. Primary Care clinic applicants (Funding Category 1) and Frontier Extended Stay Clinic/Community Health Center (330s)/Sub-Regional clinic applicants (Funding Category 2) will follow the primary care funding approach used by the Commission in FY03. A community or organization must have an approved business plan and site plan checklist (conceptual planning deliverables) before the Commission will fund design or construction of the clinic. These documents and a request for proposal form are presently located on the Commission's website, www.denali.gov, under the Health Care Facilities tab. (Please note that Commission staff intends to modify these documents based upon lessons learned during FY03, however interested applicants may use the forms posted in the interim.) There are no deadlines for applications in Funding Categories 1 and 2. Applications for Funding Categories 1 and 2 will be accepted during the entire year. As noted above, design and construction applications for Funding Categories 1 and 2 will only be accepted from organizations with an approved business plan and site plan check list.
2. Rural Hospitals – Primary Care Improvements (Funding Category 3), Assisted Living Facilities (Funding Category 4), and Behavioral Health Facilities (Funding Category 5) should submit Letters of Interest (LOIs) as outlined in a separate document (also available at the Commission's website). **November 25, 2003** is the deadline for all LOI submissions for construction ready projects, as defined in the LOI request document, for applicants in Funding Categories 3, 4 and 5. **January 30, 2004** is the deadline for all LOI submissions for conceptual planning projects, as defined in the LOI request document, for applicants in Funding Categories 3, 4, and 5. LOI submissions will be accepted earlier than the dates noted and are encouraged. Commission staff will review the LOI submissions and may request additional information as needed.
3. All applications, regardless of Funding Category, must be submitted in hard copy to the Commission; e-mail and fax submissions of applications will not be accepted.

If you cannot access the documents noted above through the internet, please submit a request in writing to the Commission to mail these documents to you. Fax requests will also be accepted. Please do not request the application by phone.

Technical Assistance

1. The Commission will continue to rely on the Technical Assistance Subcommittee (TASC) to provide guidance to communities and organizations in Funding Categories 1 and 2 during the

conceptual planning phase. The TASC will now also provide the same services for applicants in Funding Category 3. Additionally, the Commission will rely on the Behavioral Health Subcommittee (Behavioral Health) and the “Coming Home” Steering Committee (Assisted Living) to provide similar services for applicants in Funding Categories 4 and 5.

2. The Commission, in collaboration with the technical assistance providers listed above, is in the process of revising the business plan template, and developing business plan modules for Funding Categories 3, 4 and 5. Organizations that submit LOIs will be advised when these documents are available for use.
3. The TASC will review and approve business plans for Funding Categories 1, 2, and 3. The “Coming Home” Steering Committee will review and approve business plans for Funding Category 4. The Behavioral Health Subcommittee will review and approve business plans for Funding Category 5.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Joel Neimeyer or Ms. Tessa Rinner at the Denali Commission numbers provided above. If you have a Behavioral Health project, please contact Ms. Denali Daniels at the Commission numbers provided above.

NOFA Addendums

Potential applicants are encouraged to monitor the Commissions website (Health Facilities tab) for addendums for the FY04 Health Facilities NOFA.